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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
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E. O. 11652: N/ A

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SUBJECT: THAI RICE FOR CAMBODIA

REF: A. PHNOM PENH 4561

B. PHNOM EPNH 4402

C. BANGKOK 7395

D. STATE 091534

1. PURCHASE/ SALE CONTRACT (REF B) HAND CARRIED TO
ANANDA BHOOCHAOOM, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WAREHOUSE ORGANIZATION
BY EMBOFF MAY 14. ANANDA STATED P. W. O. HAS THE RICE IN
STOCK, READY FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY, PENDING RECEIPT L/ C.

2. EMBOFF TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASK ANANDA IF HE,
PERSONNALLY, HAD HEARD OF OFFERS TO SELL GKR RICE ON A
NON- GOVT TO GOVT BASIS. ANANDA ASSURED EMBASSY OFFICER
THAT HE HAD NOT AND THAT DELIVERY OF QUANTITY MENTIONED
REF A WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE. ANANDA STRESSED ONCE AGAIN
THAT MINISTER OF COMMERCE HAS COMPLETE PERSONAL CONTROL
OVER RICE EXPROTS.

3. ANANDA SAID THE RTG RECONGNIZES THE POLITICAL ASPECTS
OF RICE FOR CAMBODIA AND, BECAUSE OF THIS, HE FELT SURE
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THE RTG WOULD SOMEHOW MAKE THE NECESSARY RICE AVAILABLE
BUT THAT A COMMITMENT FOR A LARGE QUANTITY COULD NOT BE
MADE. ANANDA SUGGESTED THAT THE GKR IMMEDIATELY SUBMIT
ANOTHER PURCHASE REQUEST TO THE RTG.

4. COMMENT EMBASSY BANGKOK HAS YET TO UNCOVER ANY
EVIDENCE OF RTG OFFICIALS' PARTICIPATION IN AN OFFER ON
A NON- GOVT TO GOVT BASIS. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE
PARA 2 REF A DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A SERIOUS AND VALID OFFER.
WE RECOMMEND SONEXIM DISCONTINUE DEALINGS WITH KHMER BUSINESSMEN
(PARA 2 REF A) AND IMMEDIATELY SUBMIT ANOTHER PURCHASE REQUEST
TO THE RTG. WE FEEL THE RTG WILL CONTINUE
TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF APPROX. 5,000 MT BUT THAT UNTIL
THE RESULTS OF THE SECOND CROP HARVEST BECOME CLEAR,
WILL CONTINUE TO REFUSE TO MAKE AND MAJOR COMMITMENTS.
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